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Great Christmas BARGAIN SALE!

AT

DeVALINGER'S CASH STORE

TOWNSEND, DELAWARE

You will do well and save money by visiting our store before doing your Christmas shopping. Below you will find prices which are only a few of the many great Bargains you will find in every department of our large stock.

Good mixed Candy	5c lb
Cali seedless Oranges	20c doz
Best English Walnuts	18c lb
Best Butternuts	15c lb
Best mixed Nuts	15c lb
Best white Grapes	2 lb 15c
Fine mixed Candy	10c lb
Best French mixtures	12½ c
Best papershell Almonds	22c
Best seeded Raisins	12c lb
Best cleaned Currants	12c lb
Good Mincemeat	8c lb
Our own Mincemeat	10c lb
London layer Raisins	15c lb
Cape Cod Cranberries	12c qt
Best creamery Butter	34c lb
Best Handmade Toys	12c lb

Fancy box candy for Xmas Gifts, all kinds and all prices

Toys! Toys! Toys!

Our Toy Department is the most complete south of Wilmington. Toy trains that run themselves on real tracks, 50c up; toy engines, automobiles, delivery wagons, comical toys, that do all kinds of funny things, children's chairs, rockers, rocking horses, express wagons, dolls velocipedes, games, doll coaches in fact everything to make the children happy at unheard of low prices. You will have to visit this department to get an idea of the immense line we have this year.

You will find great bargains in our Dry Goods, Notions, Shoe, Clothing and Underwear Departments. Your carfare will be refunded on purchases of $3 or more by showing your railroad ticket. All goods will be delivered at your door free of charge in Smyrna, Clayton or Middletown. Don't forget we save you 20c on a dollar on everything you buy and it costs you nothing to come to our store.

W. T. DeValinger

Townsend, - Delaware

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DOVER, DEL.

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nsures Buildings and Contents Against Loss by Fire and Lightning

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NOTICE!

The Annual Meeting of the

Cantwell Mutual Insurance Co.

Will be held at the hotel of J. HARRY MASSEY, in Odessa, Delaware,

Monday, Jan. 6th, '08

At which time seven (7) Directors will be elected to serve the ensuing year. The premium on Deposit Notes at the rate of five (5) per cent. will be required to be paid.

The directors have declared a dividend of ten (10) per cent. out of the Surplus Fund. On all balances standing to the credit of members, payable on and after January 6th, 1908.

Election for Directors will take place between the hours of 11 o'clock A. M., and 1 o'clock P. M.

DANIEL W. CORBIT, President.
JOSEPH G. BROWN, Secretary.

Odessa, Del., Dec. 11th, 1907.

Handkerchiefs

We have the largest line to select from, 5c to 15c. Also in boxes, 10c to 50c.

We have a large line of **Fancy Articles** suitable for Xmas Gifts

Children's Caps and Bonnets

Bear Skin and Silk. A large line of samples, also a large stock of boys' caps, 25c to $1.25.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS!

Just three more days for your Christmas shopping. You better begin at once! Come to day. You know what the last days are, the crowds, the hurry, the worry. Don't wait any longer but come to-day. We have reduced every piece of goods in our store as we usually do before Christmas. Our large stock consists of Ladies', Misses' and Children's Coats, Suits, Waists, Skirts, Furs, Dresses, Millinery, Corsets, Underwear, Petticoats and a large stock of Notions and Fancy Goods.

Mr. Man, if you would like to surprise your wife, mother, sister or your sweetheart with a nice Christmas present it should be serviceable and useful at a very small cost. Come and see our stock of goods.

Ladies' and Misses' Suits

All Sizes and Colors

$10.00 reduced from $15.00
12.00 reduced from 17.50
15.00 reduced from 20.00

Ladies' and Misses' Coats

In all lengths, loose back, tight fitting and semi-fitting in black, blue, caster, brown, gray, and all kinds of mixtures, in stripes and plaids.

$ 3.50	Coats	reduced	from	$ 5.
3.98	"	"	"	6.
5.00	"	"	"	7.
6.00	"	"	"	8.50
7.50	"	"	"	10.
10.00	"	"	"	15.
12 00	"	"	"	18.00
15.00	"	"	"	22.50

All colors and sizes.

Ladies' and Misses' Skirts

About 300 skirts to choose from. We can give you almost any size or color to suit your price in Panama, Voile, Broadcloth, Mohair, and mixtures in light and dark.

$1.50	reduced	from	$ 2 50
2.00	"	"	3.00
3.00	"	"	4.00
3.50	"	"	5.00
5.00	"	"	7.50
6.00	"	"	8.50
7.00	"	"	10.00

Important Reduction in FURS

Every piece of Fur must go regardless of price. We have reduced our entire stock of Fur to one-third of the regular price, so if you are thinking about buying a fur or muff or a set you better come now and save money.

Fine Display of Millinery

We have just received fifty trimmed pattern hats from New York. We also trimmed up one hundred hats for the Holiday trade. Just think of it, one hundred and fifty hats to choose from and all at one-half the regular price. If you want a hat this is the place for you. Hats that were $5.00 to $10.00 will be sold at just half, $2.50 to $5.00.

Ladies' Waists

How about a beautiful waist! We have a large stock to choose from, nets, silks, nun's veiling, dainty lawns, madras, fancy plaids, and the pretty new flannel so much worn now. Prices range, 98c. $5.00 values, $1.50 to $10.00.

Children's Goods

Children's Coats in all the leading colors and made up-to-date. Bearskin, astrikan, cloth, Kersey, fancy mixtures, in red, blue, white, gray, brown, light blue, caster and green, from $1.25 to $6 50, values $2.50 to $10.00.

Children's dresses made up beautifully, Jumper suits, Peter Thompson suits, guimpe dresses, and lots of other styles in all colors, and the pretty plaids and stripes so much worn now. For girls of 6 years to 14 years, prices 50c to $5.00, values $1.00 to $10.00.

Petticoats==Black silk, black sateen, silkatene and flannel, 25c to $5.00.

Underwear==For ladies' and children, fleece lined, 10c to $1.00.

Corsets==The well known W. & B. makes, one of the best made corsets in the market 25c to $1.50.

Wrappers, and dressing sacques, flannelettes and percals, 49c to $1.25.

Gloves==Long and short, in silk, lisle, also golf gloves, for ladies and children, 25c to $1.25.

Belts==A full line of belts, leather, silk and checks, in all colors, 10c to 50c.

A. FOGEL,

Middletown, - - - Delaware

Felt hats of light color may be cleaned with black magnesia, fuller's earth or laundry starch; always remember to rub and brush with the nap.

Dust or finger marks may be removed from light-colored woolen goods by rubbing with the nap with bread. If the marks are obstinate, sprinkle a little salt on them; then rub with the bread.

Laces may be dyed to match material of any color by using a reliable dye and following carefully the directions supplied with it.

Feathers may be freshened by shaking them over the fire, on which a little salt has been thrown; this fluffs them out and makes the ends curl under. If more curl is desired, the filaments should be drawn over a dull knife blade. Feathers may also be washed or dyed by the exercise of a little care and patience.

Velvet that is wrinkled or crushed may be restored by steaming, or may be made into "mirrored" velvet by ironing with a moderately warm iron on the right side and in the direction of the pile or nap. Silks and ribbons should be steamed and stretched between the hands.

Ross & Son's Christmas Displays

D. Ross & Son, 206, 208, 210 Market street, Wilmington, are showing elaborate displays for the holiday trade. These displays are not confined to any particular department, but extend throughout the store. The firm is in the habit of preparing a list of Christmas suggestions, which invariably proves interesting to the average shopper, and the suggestions this year are more to the point than ever. The store of Ross & Son is in its 43d year.

Cures Blood, Skin Diseasse, Cancer Greatest Blood Purifier Free

If your blood is impure, thin, diseased, hot or full of humor, if you have blood poison, cancer, carbuncles, eating sores, scrofula, eczema, itching, risings and bumps, scabby, pimply skin, bone paine, catarrh, rheumatism or any blood or skin disease, take Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.). Soon all sores heal, aches and pains stop and the blood is made pure and rich Druggists or by express $1 per large bottle. Sample free by writing Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga. B. B. B. is especially advised for chronic, deep-seated cases, as it cures after all else fails.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS —OF— APPOQUINIMINK HUNDRED!

The taxable residents of Appoquinimink Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1907 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be

AT THE OFFICE OF GEORGE M. D. HART, IN TOWNSEND, DEL.,
SATURDAYS,
DECEMBER 7, 14, 21 and 28, 1907.
From 1 to 5 o'clock, P. M.

EXTRACT FROM THE LAWS OF DELAWARE, GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY:

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

An abatement of 5 per centum will be allowed on all taxes paid during the month of August.

WILLIAM H. MONEY,
Collector of Taxes for Appoquinimink Hundred

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS —OF— Blackbird Hundred!

The taxable residents of Blackbird Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1907 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector or said Hundred, will be

AT BLACKBIRD, WATSON'S STORE
DECEMBER 28th, 1907,
From 1 to 4 o'clock, P. M.

AT FLEMING'S LANDING,
DECEMBER 30th, 1907,
From 1 to 4 o'clock, P. M.

AT DELANEY'S,
(DAVIS' STORE)
DECEMBER 19th, 1907,
From 1 to 4 o'clock, P. M.

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

JOHN BEITH,
Collector of Taxes for Blackbird Hundred

Suggestions for Xmas!

SPECIAL FOR THE HOLIDAYS

$35 Boys' and Men's Bicycle = $25

Complete with Coaster Brake. Only the 20- and 22-inch frames.

Bicycles	$18, $20, $25, $35, $40, $50 and $100
Basket Balls	$1.50, $2, $3, $4, $5 and $6
First Quality Sweaters	$4, $5 and $5.50
First Quality Sweater Jackets	$5, $6 and $7
Other Sweater Jackets at	$2.50 and $3.00
Whitely Exerciser	$1, $1.50, $2, $3 and $4
Ice Skates	75c, $1, $1.50, $2, $2.50, $3.50 and $5
Rink Skates	$3.50, $4.50 and $7.50
Roller Skates	65c, $1.25 and $1.50
Golf Balls, $5, $5.50, $6 and $9 per doz.	Come ¼ doz. in box.
College Pennants and Shields	25c, 50c, 75c and $1.00
Inverted and other Gas Lamps	50c, $1, $1.50 and up
All-wool Jerseys	$2, $2.25, $2.50 and $3
Rugby Footballs	$1, $2, $3, $4 and $5
Association Footballs	$1.25, $2, $3, $4 and $5
Pen Knives	25c, 50c, 75c, $1, $1.25, $1.50, $2 and $2.50
Gillette Razor Sets	$5, $6.50, $7.50 and $12.00
Other Razor Sets	$1.50, $2.00 and $3.50
Striking Bag Platform, complete with bag,	$5, $7.50, $9 and $15
Striking Bags	$1.25, $1.50, $2, $2.50, $2.75, $3, $3.50 and $5
Boxing Gloves, Flash Lights, Gunning Coats, Polo and Hockey Sticks, Fencing Foils, Masks and Gloves, Tennis Racquets, Tennis Shoes, Water Pistols, Etc.	
Drabolo	50c, $1, $1.25, $1.75, $2.50 and $3.50
Base Ball Game, $3.50	

H. W. VANDEVER CO.,

Anything and Everything in the Baseball Line. 809 Market Street.

USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW

Outside leaves of lettuce, if boiled, drained and chopped, and served on toast, like spinach, are delicious.

Brass or copper may be easily cleaned by rubbing with a wet, soapy rag dipped in powdered bath-brick. Polish afterwards with a soft dry cloth or newspaper.

When boiling bacon or ham add a little vinegar and two or three cloves to the water, and leave the bacon in until the water is cold. The flavor is delicious.

Greasy water should never be thrown down the sink. Put it in the garden. There is no better manure, and flowers—especially roses—bloom splendidly if a little is occasionally poured round the roots.

When using beef or mutton dripping instead of butter for pastry, try beating it to a cream with a squeeze of lemon juice. This will take away the taste that some people object to in dripping made pastry, and make it beautifully light and crisp.

To remove ink stains from colored cloth dissolve a teaspoonful of oxalic acid in a teacupful of hot water. Rub this solution well into the stain until it disappears. If applied at once, before the ink has had time to dry in, this will quite remove it.

A torn place in a voile or other thin material is best mended with a piece of court-plaster. Get it as near the same color as possible, dampen it, lay under the torn place, and press under a weight till dry. If neatly done it will scarcely show at all.

Just a little forethought and labor will insure having kitchen knives in their right places and preventing their edges from becoming needlessly nicked and dulled. First, you must have a board from eight to ten inches long (the length depends upon the length of the knives), about six inches wide and three-quarters of an inch thick. At one end screw on a strip as long as the board is broad, about an inch and a half wide and half an inch thick. At the other end there should be a strip of the same dimensions, save that it should be about two and a half inches wide. In the second strip saw a sufficient number of slits for the blades of the knives to rest in, the handles to rest on the narrow strip. Staining the wood will improve its appearance.

A very strong cement for crockery and glass is made by stirring the white of an egg to a stiff paste with pulverized lime and a little grated cheese.

If there is no shoe polish available, an excellent substitute is made by mixing black ink with the well-beaten white of an egg.

After grinding pepper or other spices in the coffee mill it can be thoroughly cleaned by loosening the screw and running a cupful of corn meal through it.

To clean silver, take very warm lard, rub all over the silver and then dust all over with common baking soda. Set it aside for an hour or until you get ready to clean. Then take tissue paper and rub thoroughly all over, and your silver will look like new. This is a very simple way, and very easy.

When one is cooking with enamel ware stew kettles, etc., and does not like to have them all smoked up, just grease them on the outside thoroughly before putting on the stove. When through cooking with them, rub off with paper (any kind) and wash in the usual way, and they would look bright and new. The grease prevents the smoke from sticking fast.

Did you know that there is much virtue in a lemon for headache? Try this and note result: Lay upon a napkin sliced lemon, place across forehead and tie firmly around the head. If possible, lie down and be quiet. If the lemon is very juicy, it may irritate a very tender skin; if so, remove lemon for a few moments and then apply again. This is especially good for nervous headache.

For celery and apple salad, pare and dice three tart, well-flavored apples. Wash the white, tender portions of a bunch of celery clean, then cut into half-inch lengths. Mix the celery and apples together and heap mound fashion in the centre of a salad bowl. Dress with salad dressing and garnish with fringed celery. Serve without delay, as apples turn dark when exposed to the air for any length of time.

WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 14th, 1907

PRESIDENT Roosevelt, by his unequivocal reiteration of his Election Night statement has cleared the political atmosphere and has sharply defined the political issue which confronts the voters of his party in the campaign which is to end with the national election next June. Not only has he repeated, with additional emphasis, his assertion that he will not be a candidate and will not accept renomination, but he has also, in his conversation with friends, made it perfectly clear that his chief purpose in so doing has been to promote the candidacy of William H. Taft. He has further made it clear that there must be a clearcut division in the party, that those who are in favor of the continuation of the Roosevelt policies will ally themselves with the movement to nominate Taft, while those who are opposed to his policies will have to select one of the other would be candidates, Hughes or Cortelyou or Cannon or any other whom they may choose. The President does not attempt to dictate to his party. He leaves it to the party to select which candidate it may choose, he does say, in effect, "You who are sincere in your advocacy of my policies will line up behind Secretary Taft. Those of you who are opposed to my policies will line up behind some other candidate. If you who are for my policies would succeed you must stand solidly behind a single candidate and your logical candidate is Mr. Taft who has done so much to help me in my administration and who is a sincere and sympathetic advocate of those policies. For if you split up and follow several candidates it will be impossible for us to overcome the intrigues of predatory wealth, the corporations, the national banks and others who are allied to defeat the policies for which I stand. Of course, if you are opposed to a continuance of my policies, if you prefer to let powerful violators of the law go unpunished rather than run the chance of depressing business, if you prefer gold to righteousness, nominate any one of the others who have been mentioned as possible candidates and I will abide by the will of a majority of my party and will cast my ballot for the party nominee. I will regret that you have repudiated the things for which I have stood, but I will be obedient to party discipline."

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The President had intended to defer the reiteration of his Election Night statement until Secretary Taft returned but he found that wolves disguised in sheep's clothing were trafficing in his name, were trying to make political capital out of his popularity and to deceive his friends by pretending to be for a third term when in reality they were merely seeking to to injure the chances of Mr. Taft whom the President regards as the one man in the field who would sincerely and faithfully carry on the work where he leaves off and who would be uninfluenced by the Wall Street end of the Republican party. He determined that his friends, at least, should not be deceived by such tactics, that every would be candidate must fight his own battle squarely on the one issue of the campaign, the continuance or the repudiation of the Roosevelt policies, that Cortelyou and Hughes and Fairbanks and Cannon should be as clearly recognized as opponents of the policies of this administration as is Senator Foraker who has occasionally frankly avowed himself as opposed to those policies. With the situation squarely presented to the people, with further deception by men who shout "Roosevelt" while they whisper "Trusts" impossible, the President stands prepared to abide by the decision of a majority of his party. His stand is now, "He that is not for Taft is against me, and he that is for me is for Taft," and the decision as to the candidate and the future policies of the party rests with the great rank and file of the Republican party.

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It is doubtful if ever before has the Democratic National Committee held as spiritless and hopeless a meeting as that which occurred in Washington this week. "I guess we'll have to nominate Bill Bryan, although I don't see the slightest chance of electing him," was the declaration of almost every member of the committee, made, of course, on condition that he would not be quoted in the newspapers. Speaking for publication, each one asserted his confidence in Bryan and in his election. Of course there were some side shows in connection with the meeting. For instance, Ex-Senator Kenney of Delaware brought with him a resolution declaring it to be the sense of the committee that all candidates to the convention should be sent uninstructed, and around the corridors of the hotels and in the rooms of members he talked eloquently in favor of nominating Judge George Gray of his state. When the meeting met, Senator Kenney sat silent in his seat afraid to offer even in executive session, the resolution which he feared would result in Mr. Bryan's reading him out of the party. So, to, there was a movement in favor of Lt. Gov. Chandler of New York, but the men who were back of it, headed by the Bryan Democratic League of New York, sat mute during all the crucial period of the meeting and only dared to come out into the open and advocate the administration of their champion after the meeting was over and most of the Bryan men had left the city. The sending of the convention to Denver was, of course, merely a matter of money. Denver held up a purse of $100,000 before the lean nose of the hungry Democratic donkey and when it did so the braying could be heard for blocks. Perhaps it was not surprising as it is a long time since the Democracy has had that much money to divide among the faithful. "I don't think you will need anything like that sum for the expenses of the convention," said Senator Teller, speaking for Denver, "but if there is any left over you will know what to do with it" and the shout which greeted his remark testified to the accuracy with which the Senator had gauged the weak spot of his fellow Democrats. The discussion of that $100,000 aroused the only note of enthusiasm in the entire convention.

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A LESSON FOR THE LIQUOR MEN

"Worchester has voted its saloons out of existence. The Massachusetts city is the largest American community that ever has adopted the "no-license" system.

"Worcester, the twenty-ninth city in size in this country, with a population of 130,000, has two large breweries and 118 licensed saloons whose doors will close next May.

"The brewers and the liquor interests for years had constituted the ruling political machine. They had made their control seemingly secure by forming an alliance with the corrupt and vicious elements of the community. Naturally, they catered to their allies. Naturally, they gave the city bad government.

"Their overthrow was not accomplished by the churches. The victorious temperance forces were made up of men of all parties and all creeds. The normal church and prohibition vote supplemented the efforts of the reformers. But the basis of the movement was not primarily Christian or prohibition sentiment.

"The Worcester upheaval was marked by the economic quality that has characterized all the recent achievements for the cause of temperance. Only in this instance the opposition was roused by misgovernment, and sentiwas crystallized by the misdeeds of the political machine.

"The liquor men now complain that the men most active in combating the saloons were men who drink in those same saloons. Doubtless that is true. It has been true wherever a similar battle has been won. The formidable nature of the present movement lies in the very fact of its being supported by citizens who sacrifice their own tastes and habits for the sake of the general welfare.

"The vulnerable side of the liquor men's case everywhere is that, apart from all other merits and demerits, the saloons always have allied themselves with the worst elements in local politics and always have been ready to do the bidding of the machine leaders.

"The present appeal of the liquor men in all the communities that have been misruled by their aid, that "personal liberty" is being assailed, will fall upon deaf ears. It is a question not of personal, but of civic, liberty. The best among them are paying the penalty of allowing their business to be allied with misgovernment and the corrupt protection of vice and crime."—*North American.*

THREE TIMES IS SUFFICIENT

J. B. Harsh of Creston, Iowa Says That the Same Man Seldom Sends Away the Fourth time to Catalogue Houses.

"I have watched this mail order business closely, as people came into my bank to buy drafts," said Hon. J. B. Harsh, president of the Creston National Bank of Creston, Iowa, to a representative of the Star Enterprise, of Afton, Iowa, "and I find that the man who sends away for his first order is likely to return before long and order a second time and send their money to the mail order houses, sends the fourth time. I guess by that time their experience has cost them enough and they are ready to quit.

That some such state of affairs exists there is no reason to doubt. A few trial orders sent to the catalogue houses usually opens the eyes of the most enthusiastic and the scheme no longer possesses the glamor and glare bound to attach to a new convert just through reading some of their catalogues.

It is not hard to find instances where the customer has met with long and vexatious delays that have caused him to not only lose his temper, but a large share of his faith in humanity. Last summer about the time the oats became ripe two farmes in Union county, Iowa, sent away for their binding twine. They sent the order forward in plenty of time for it to be filled and for the goods to reach before harvest commenced. In one case the twine arrived late in September, while in the other case the service was not much more satisfactory.

It is safe to say that there is not a merchant who advertises and who is determined to get business who will not meet any catalogue price on any article handled by him. The business men have sent away for catalogues from the mail order houses They are studying the contents and are becoming thoroughly posted on just what is offered and in what way that quanity and price differ from the which they have on their shelves.

VANHEKLE—STIDHAM

A very pretty wedding took place on Tuesday evening at six o'clock, when Miss Edna B. VanHekle, of Wilmington, and Mr. Calvin P. Stidham, of Odessa, were united in marriage by the Rev. E. H. Miller, of Marshallton, at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. George Bland, of Brandywine Springs. They were attended by Miss Mary B idgewater, of New Castle, and Mr. Hampton Eaton, of Port Penn. The bride wore a handsome gown of white point d'esprit over taffeta, with tulle veil and carried a shower bouquet of bride roses. The bridesmaid wore a gown of white voile over taffeta and carried white carnations. After a reception they left on a trip to Washington. The bride's going away gown was brown broadcloth with hat to match. They were at home December 20th, at Odessa, when Mrs. Katherine Stidham, mother of the groom, gave a supper in their honor.

CHRISTMAS FINES HIGH

LAUREL—Magistrate Clapham is determined to have good order in Laurel during the holidays Saturday, the official, who is over seventy years of age and a retired Methodist minister, posted a semi religious proclamation throughout the town, declaring that fines for disorderly conduct this Christmas will be high, the lowest of such fines being $15 cash.

The edict, which has caused a sensation reads:

PROCLAMATION!

We are friends of all honest, sober and industrious citizens, and we desire to help you in temporal affairs and lift you toward God and the heavenly home. We ask all, both old and young, to join in making this the happiest and most sober Christmas of our lives. Let us live such lives that we may meet again in our home in heaven. Rents are high. Food is high. Fines for disorderly conduct this Christmas will be high—the lowest of such fines $15, cash.

C. W. Clapham, Alderman.

Xmas, 1907.

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Wild's Restaurant

WILL SERVE YOU

A GOOD MEAL

At any hour during the Day or Evening.

Oysters IN ALL STYLES AND FOR FAMILY USE

We are now ready to fill your order for Christmas with

A FINE BASKET OF APPLES.
A BUNCH OF BANANAS.
ALL KINDS OF NUTS.
FINE SEEDLESS ORANGES.
MALAGA AND WHITE GRAPES.

CANDIES!

Our Home-made Candies are delicious. Lowney's Chocolates, and in fact any price candies from 10c to 60c per lb.

We will furnish candies, fruits, nuts, etc., for Church and Sunday School treats at wholesale prices.

Wild's Restaurant,

West Main Street, Middletown, Del.

NOTICE!

I, ALEXANDER MAXWELL tenant and occupier of the house known as the Middletown Hotel, situated at Middletown, in School District No. 60½ and 94, county of New Castle, and State of Delaware, in compliance with the requirements of the acts of the General Assembly in such case made and provided, do hereby give notice that I shall apply in writing to the Court of General Sessions of the State of Delaware, in and for New Castle County, on Monday, the 6th day of January, A. D. 1908, being the next term of said Court, for a license for said house as an inn or tavern for the sale therein of intoxicating liquors in quantities less than one quart, to be drunk on the premises, and the following respectable citizens of said School District, at least six of whom are substantial freeholders of said School District, recommend the said application, viz:

W. A. Comegys,	J. B. Messick,
H. L. Davis,	C. P. Cochran,
W. B. Biggs,	Joshua Clayton, Jr.
W. J. Eliason,	W. S. Letherbury,
Cyrus Tatman,	Geo. Echenhofer,
Julian Cochran,	N. J. Williams,
J. L. Parsons,	G. Ellis,
Albert Price,	John D Gill,
Joseph Gary,	Harry C Eliason,
Corbit Vinyard,	John P. McIntyre.

ALEXANDER MAXWELL.

Middletown, Del., Nov. 30th, 1907.

REGISTER'S ORDER.

REGISTER OF WILLS OFFICE,
NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DEL., Oct. 21, 1907.

Upon the application of Frederick Brady Executor of George F. Brady late of Mt. Georges Hundred, in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Executor aforesaid give notice of granting of Letters Testamentary upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such letters in six of the most public place of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same or abide by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in THE MIDDLETOWN TRANSCRIPT, The New Era newspapers published in Middletown, Del., and to be continued there in ten weeks.

(SEAL) Given under the hand and seal of office of the Register of Wills aforesaid, at Wilmington, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written.

FRANCIS M. WALKER, Register of Wills.

NOTICE—Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned on the Twenty-first day of October, A. D. 1907, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested to the said Executor on or before the Twenty-first day of October 1908, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

FREDERICK BRADY, Executor,

Address, Frederick Brady
Middletown, Delaware.

LOCAL WINNERS IN CORN CONTEST

The Delaware State Corn Institute held at Dover Thursday for the purpose of organizing a Corn Growers' Association, convened in the Kent County Court House, and was largely attended. Addresses were made by C. P. Hartly, of the United States Department of Agriculture, his subject being "Corn Breeding," and Prof. A. E. Grantham, of the Delaware College Experimental Station at Newark, on "Corn Improvement in Delaware." The exhibit of corn included fifty-four varieties in addition to nearly thirty varieties submitted to the agricultural experimental station. An organization known as the Corn Growers' Association was formed with the following officers: President, Alexander Corbit, Odessa; vice-presidents, New Castle County, Arnold Nandain; Kent County, G. J. Meredith, Felton; Charles Barker, Sussex County; secretary, Prof. A. E. Grantham, Newark. The prizes awarded for the best exhibits of corn were announced by Professor Grantham, of Newark. Those who captured the prizes were: W. Craig, Odessa, $4.00, H. M. Vaughan, Cheswold, $3.00, H. M. Ross, $2.00, A. L. Corbit, Odessa, $1.00, for the best ten ears of yellow corn. Ralph Jefferson, Smyrna, $3.00, for the best twenty ears of white corn. T. D. Garrison, Cheswold, won $2.00 in the contest between the three counties for the best ten ears of corn of any variety. In the sweepstake prize for the best twenty ears of white corn, W. P. Davis, of Bridgeville, won Governor Lea's silver cup. In the sweepstake prize contest for the ten best ears of white and yellow corn, J. W. Webb, of Dover, won the silver cup offered by the Trustees of Delaware College. Mr. Webb also won the grand sweepstake prize, a modern feed grinder given by the International Harvester Company.

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Thursday 5	10.00 am	Friday 6	5.30 pm
Monday 9	12.00 noon	Tuesday 10	11.00 am
Thur'd'y 12	2.00 pm	Friday 13	12.00 noon
Monday 16	5.30 pm	Tuesday 17	5.00 pm
Thursday 19	7.00 pm	Friday 20	5.00 pm
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NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS OF St. Georges Hundred!

The taxable residents of St. Georges Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1906 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be at the office of

JOSEPH H. ENOS, IN ODESSA,
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1907,
From 9.00 A. M. to 12.00 M.

AT HENRY CLEAVER'S STORE, IN PORT PENN,
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1907,
From 1 P. M. to 4 P. M.

and at the County Tax Collector's Office, South Broad street, Middletown, Del., every Saturday during the month of December from 9 A. M., to 4 P. M.

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

EXTRACT FROM THE LAWS OF DELAWARE GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, SECTION 3, CHAPTER 30, VOLUME 21, LAWS OF DELAWARE, AS AMENDED:

Section 3—That on all taxes paid before the first day of October there shall be an abatement of five per centum. On all taxes paid before the first day of December there shall be an abatement of three per centum. On all taxes paid during the month of December there shall be no abatement whatever. And on all taxes unpaid on the first day of January five per centum thereof shall be added hereto.

WALTER BEASTEN,
Collector of Taxes for St. Georges Hundred.

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Linen Shams and Scarfs
Fancy Silk Garters in Boxes
Dress Suit Cases
Traveling Bags and Grips
Leather Hand Bags
Fancy Side and Back Combs
Men's Fancy Neckwear
Fancy silk Suspenders in boxes
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Fancy Vests
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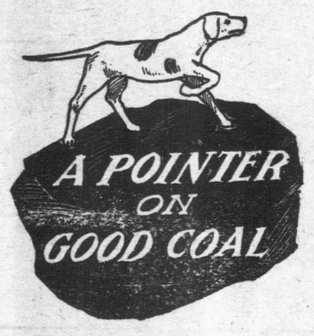

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We will be pleased to fill all mail orders the very same day as received and can assure you satisfaction in every particular.

Our trained shoppers will see to it that every article is sent as requested.

Kindly send orders as soon as possible.

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Alcohol Engines	$1.00 to $10.75	Monkeys	25 cts to $2.50
Alcohol Stoves	$1.25 to $2 50	Mission Chairs	50 cts to 85 cts
Air Rifles	75 cts to $1.50	Mission Tables, drop leaf	50 cts to $1.00
Baby Trunks	25 cts to $1.65	Neckwear	25 cts
Blankets (Crib)	$1.25	Pillows	69 cts to $5.00
Bags (Hand)	25 cts to 50 cts	Printing Presses	50 cts to $10.00
Bootees (hand knit)	12½ cts to 25 cts	Pyraline Sets	50 cts to $1 50
Boys' Caps	25 cts to 50 cts	Pajamas	75 cts
Boys' Overcoats	$4 50 to $8.00	Plush Horses	25 cts to $5.50
Boys' Raincoats	$6.50 to $8.00	Puss in Boots	$1 50 to $3.50
Boys' Reefers	$5.00 to $8.00	Pianos	25 cts to $5.00
Boys' Suits	$3.00 to $6.00	Punching Bags	$1 50 to $2.50
Bell Chimes	50 cts to $1.00	Rattles	10 cts to 25 cts
Blocks, all kinds	25 cts to $3 50	Robes (for Go-Carts)	$1.00 to $7.00
Bridges, Signal Bells and Stations	50 cts to $2 25	Rocking Chairs	25 cts to $5 00
Brass Doll Beds (Complete with Mattress and Pillows)	$7 00 to $13 50	Rubber Balls	10 cts to 50 cts
Boxing Gloves	$2 25, $2 75 set	Rocking Horses	$3.50 to $11.00
Comb and Brush Sets	50 cts to $2.50	Rabbits	$1.50 to $3 50
Children's Tams	50 cts to $1.00	Roly Polys	50 cts to $1 00
Children's Toques	25 cts and 50 cts	Sacques (hand knit)	50 cts to $2.00
China Dishes	25 cts to $1.50	Sleds	25 cts to $10 00
Christmas Stockings	25 cts to $1.00	Steamboats	$1.75 to $2.75
Crockinole	$1.00 to $4 75	Stoves	25 cts to $3.00
Candies	15 cts to 80 cts	Stoffed Animals	10 cts to $6 75
Children's Paper	10 cts to 30 cts	Swan in Pond	75 cts to $7 00
Dishes	25 cts to $4.00	Sweaters	$1.00 to $2 50
Dolls (every known variety)	10 cts to $10 50	Steam Engines	$1.25 to $13 50
Doll Go-Carts	$1.00 to $6 75	Steam Trains	$5 50 to $7.50
Doll Swings	50 cts to $1.00	Slate Blackboards	$1 25 to $3 50

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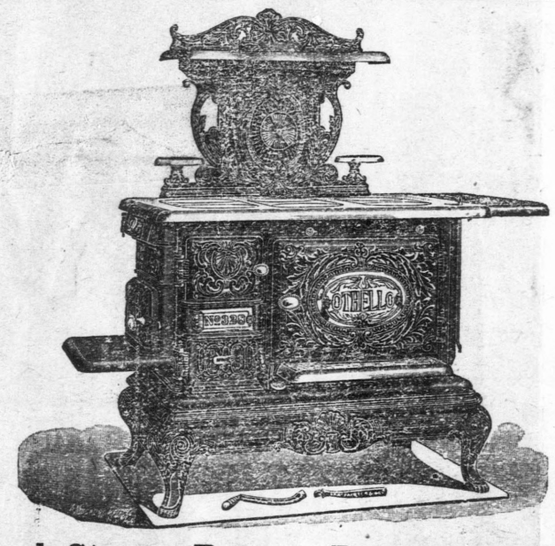

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Our Haberdashery, Hat and Cap Department

Our showing of Christmas Haberdashery is a grand display. Our elegant Neckwear, choice Gloves, our Shirts, Mufflers, Umbrellas, Suspenders, and the many other things in Toggery a man is always awaiting, are correct and the best money can buy.

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What could be a wiser selection than one of our Suits, Raincoats or Overcoats? Bring in an old coat to show his size and we'll make any change you desire after Christmas.

Smoking Jackets and Bath Robes

We've a fine line of these luxurious garments—so highly prized by every man.

Come Here for "His" Christmas Gift and You'll Find Just "The Thing" With a Moderate Price Attached

Handsome Suits and Overcoats for Christmas

We can fit any size, any shape. All the newest creations. Regulars, leans and stouts. Prices made special for the holiday trade—a few dollars less than usual.

Suits from $8.00 up to $30
Overcoats $7.50 up to $40

Mufflers

A choice and handsome variety in new patterns. Mufflers at

50c, 75c, $1.00 and up to $5.00

Full Dress Shirt Protectors, also, in just the correct shapes.

Full Dress

Shirts, Ties, Gloves and Vests. Christmas prices—moderate.

Men's Hosiery

A Sensible Gift

We've the best Men's Hosiery for the money we've ever seen.

15c, 2 pairs for 25c,
25c per pair, 50c per pair, Etc.

Handkerchiefs

Initialed—2 for 25c and upward
Plain—5c each and upward

Smoking Jackets
$3.50, $4.00, $4.50, $5.00 up to $10.00
Bath Robes
$3.50, $4.00, $4.50, $5.00 up to $10.00
Pajamas ..... $1.00 per Suit up to $3.50
Suit Cases and Hand Bags..$1 up to $10
The Best $3.50 and $5 Cases in town
Umbrellas, in Great Variety .$1 up to $5
Sweaters—Men's and Boys' sizes; also Sweaters for Infants
Raincoats
$7.50, $8.50, $10, $12, $15, $18, $20 up to $35
Boys' Suits at Bargain prices
$1.95, $2.95 up to $8.50
Boys' Overcoats and Reefers
$2.50 up to $10

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Mails Close as Follows.

Going North—7.25 a. m., 10.06 a.m., 4.05 p.m. 6.00 p. m. and 8 p. m.
Going South—8.00 a.m., 4.15 p. m., and 9 p.m
For Odessa—7.5.0 a. m., 8.30 a. m., 11.30 a. m., 4.50 p. m.
For Warwick, Cecilton and Earlville 9.20 a. m. and 4.30 p.m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., DEC. 21, 1907.

Local News

Gillette Razors and blades at MASSEY'S.

Choice fruits nuts and candies at ARMSTRONG & COVERDALE'S.

Country Lard Wanted. Will pay the highest cash prices.
ARMSTRONG'S MEAT MARKET.

Fine lot of Fancy Hand-painted China at MASSEY'S.

Up-to-date dental work at moderate cost. Dr. Johnson, Middletown.

Try Armstrong & Coverdale fried oysters.

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Wide-awake and no pain—either in extracting or filling teeth. Dr. Johnson.

Dr. M. B. Burstan, Eye Specialist, consultation free of charge. East Main St., Middletown.

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Gold Crowns, Bridges and Platework made in my own laboratory. Dr. Johnson.

FOR RENT.—Six room dwelling on North Broad street. Possession at once. Apply to J. F. MCWHORTER.

Get your Christmas candies, oranges, nuts, etc., at MRS. R. WEBER'S, West Main street.

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A New Demorest Sewing Machine will be sold for the want of use. Apply to
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Steak, Chop or Oyster Omlet 25 cents.
ARMSTRONG & COVERDALE,
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Dr. M. B. Burstan, Eye Specialist and Optician. Eyes examined free. All work guaranteed. East Main St., Middletown.

Wednesday next being Christmas our public schools will close their sessions on Tuesday until Thursday, January 2d,1908, for one week.

The past has been a busy week for the merchants, as many have taken advantage of the well stocked stores and completed their Christmas shopping early.

"Do you want to get a good dress free? We can tell you how. Answer this "Ad" asking for samples.
Economy Furnishing Co.,
895 Ellicott Square,
Buffalo, N Y

Mr. Joshua Crossland has purchased the lot adjoining the property of T. S Fouracre, on South Broad street, and will build a modern house, therefore, as soon as his plans are completed.

FOR SALE.—20 rose comb Rhode Island Red cockerels and 40 pullets, April and May hatched. This is an exceptionally fine lot of young fowls, and the cockerels will weigh from 7 to 8 lbs. Will sell at reasonable prices.
C. P. COCHRAN,
Middletown, Del.

Magistrate Thomas Bratton, 82 years old, of Townsend, one of the best known men in lower New Castle county, was stricken with paralysis, Monday night and at this writing his condition is serious, and but little hope is entertained for his recovery.

What are you doing for your town? If you have no confidence in the growth and improvement of the town and county in which you live how on earth do you expect other people to move among us and cause the county to develop and grow for your benefit?

A few people seem to take pride in saying they never make any fuss over Christmas. They pay no attention to it, and when they are old and feeble their children pay no attention to them. The money spent in and for one's family and friends, returns interest in kindness and memories that cheer the gloom of age.

Mrs. Mary E. Foard, died in Camden, N. J., on Thursday last in the 80th year of her age. Deceased was the daughter of the late Dr. Josiah L. and Lydia Caulk, and a sister of the late Mr. Thomas Cavender. The remains will be brought to Middletown and interment made in St. Annes Cemetery on Monday next, at 11.30 o'clock.

Unclaimed Letters—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending Dec. 12th: Miss Emma Berry (In care of Fred Cole) Miss Lolei Brown, Miss Blanch LeCompte Mrs. Kiet Little, Rev. Henry Coleman, Mr. Oliver Golt (In care of Henry Hoffecker, Mr. John Little, Mr. John Olie, Mr. Johny Ailson, Mr. Virgie Suratingham.

The Christmas season will be observed in the Forest Presbyterian Church on tomorrow (Sunday). At the morning service the Rev. F. H. Moore will preach on "The Incarnation;" and the subject of the evening sermon will be: "God Hath visited His People." Christmas music will be rendered at both services. The Sunday School Christmas Festival will be held on next Friday evening, December twenty-seventh.

Dr. D. W. Lewis, who was summoned to Florida two weeks ago on account of the illness of his mother, returned home on Tuesday. He found his mother very ill it being necessary for her to undergo an operation, but she was much better before he left her, with favorable indications of a speedy recovery. The doctor brought home some very fine specimens of the fruits of the South. One twig about 12 inches long, was especially admired, containing five large fine mangoes and weighed about ten pounds. He also brought some pretty bunches of fine ripe oranges, grapes and other fruit, which were much admired and were quite a curiosity to many here.

Rev. J. T. Carpenter, of Philadelphia, will lead the services and preach in St. Anne's Church on to-morrow (Sunday) morning, there being no services in the evening. We are also requested to state, that services will be held on Wednesday—Christmas—in the morning, commencing at 10 o'clock. Definite arrangements as to who will preach have not yet been made, but there will be services at that hour.

Several of the engines that were on exhibition at the Jamestown Exposition, have passed through here this week en route home. One of them was the Northern Pacific Railroad, and is the second largest locomotive in the world. The engine was a monster in every sense of the word, and weighed 250 tons. Its size may be better compared when it is stated that the largest engines used by the Pennsylvania weigh a little over 100 tons. The locomotive is practically a double engine, and is known as the double compound. It is driven by twelve large driving wheels and has four cylinders.

The Red Cross sale of Christmas stamps for the benefit of the tuberculosis hospital on the Brandywine, has exceeded all expectations and the members of the Delaware branch of this great organization are delighted beyond measure, for they now know that the institution they opened on the Brandywine can be kept open all winter. Mrs. H. B. McDowell, who is interested in the work, has placed the stamps with several of the local merchants and the Christmas shoppers will no doubt avail themselves of the opportunity to help this worthy cause.

PERSONALITIES

Mr. Samuel Pennington was in Philadelphia on Saturday.

Magistrate A. G. Cox is on the sick list but is improving at this writing.

Mrs. H. A. Markley, of Philadelphia, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. J. Freeman.

Miss Edith Brokaw, of Providence, R. I., is visiting Mrs. Walter Beasten on Cass street.

Mr. and Mrs. Thorndyke Roe, of Greenwood, spent Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Hopkins.

Messrs. M. N. Willits, J. B. Foard, J. G. Bragdon and Fred Brady attended the funeral of Rt. Rev. Bishop Coleman, in Wilmington, on Tuesday.

Mr. Emory Hukill, who is attending school in Staunton, Va., is spending the Xmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Hukill.

Mr. William H. Echenhofer, of Chatanooga, Tenn., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Echenhofer.

Miss Eva E. Whitlock, of Philadelphia, will spend Xmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Whitlock.

Messrs. Charles P. Cochran and Walter Beasten attended the poultry show at Madison Square Garden, New York City, this week.

Mr. John J. Jolls, son of Register in Chancery and Mrs. Joseph C. Jolls is confined to his home with typhoid fever.

HYMENIAL

SMITH-HARTMAN

The home of Mr. and Mrs. John Hartman at Woodside, was the scene of a pretty wedding Wednesday at high noon, when Miss Anna Gertrude Hartman was wed to Dr. Paul Ruskin Smith, of Middletown. The decorations of an arch and bell of holly were very artistic. Alfred Smith, brother of the groom, was best man. Miss Kitty Bratt, of Brooklyn, N. Y., was bridesmaid and wore a gown of grey crepe de chine. Miss Mary Bratt Smith, sister of the groom, played the wedding march, and during the ceremony "Oh, Promise Me," was sung by Miss Margaret Smith, also sister of the groom. The bride looked charming, gowned in a golden brown chiffon velvet, princesse with coat, traveling suit. Rev. Alfred Smith, father of the groom, performed the marriage ceremony. In addition to the members of the families, the following were present: Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Lightbourne, D. D., Miss Mary H. Prickett, Joseph S. McDaniel, Walker Mifflin, Dover; Mrs. John Hunn, Mrs. William Jakes, Miss Amanda Jackson, Wyoming; Mr. and Mrs. John G. Mullin, Wilmington; Mr. and Mrs Daniel Baker, Miss M. Belle Baker, Miss Eugenia Bratt, Baltimore. A luncheon of four courses was served by Caterer Hanna of Wilmington. Owing to the illness of the bride's grandfather, the affair though rich in every detail, was quiet. Presents rare and costly were almost as numerous as pebbles at the seashore. They will visit Washington, New York and other points and return to Middletown, and occupy the Beasten property on South Broad street.

TELLS OF THE GRAVEL MATTER

J. C. Alston, road supervisor of St. Georges hundred, cleared up the "gravel pit" controversy Tuesday morning when in Levy Court he turned over to the county $4.70 representing the cost of 47 loads of gravel which he permitted Manlove Davis to take from the pit. This gravel, together with several loads allowed J. P. Cochran for road improvement, was the only material removed from the pit with the consent of Mr. Alston, he said.

"Since this agitation," Mr. Alston continued, "I have heard that persons have been taking gravel from the pit. I posted warning notices at the pit after hearing that the gravel was being taken. The report that hundreds of loads of gravel have been taken from the pit this year cannot be true. I have given permission to only Messrs. Davis and Cochran to remove gravel from the pit, and further than this have no explanation to make."

It came out that Mr. Salmon had permitted N. J. Williams to remove the 47 loads of gravel paid for by him before the present controversy.

Mr. Alston presented to the county the gravel pit deed and it was referred to Sylvester D. Townsend, the court's attorney. The court informed Mr. Alston that his explanation was satisfactory.

MARRIED

GRAMM-BUCKE—At Denver, Colorado, December 18th, 1907, by the Rev. Robert F. Coyle, D. D., pastor of Central Presbyterian Church, Mr. Edward Marion Gramm, Jr., and Miss Letitia Dongherty Bucke, both of Germantown, Philadelphia.

ODESSA

Mrs. J. W. McCoy was a Wilmington visitor last week.

Mr. Harry Lightcap spent one day this week in Philadelphia.

Rev. R. L. Hallett is spending sometime in Chambersburg, Pa.

Mr. M. Kumpel, of Medford, N. J., is visiting his many friends here.

Harry Knotts, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with his parents near town.

Miss May C. Enos spent Thursday and Friday with friends in Philadelphia.

Miss Geneva Ward is spending this week with friends and relatives in Philadelphia.

Mrs. O. C. Stevens has returned home, after a week's visit with friends in Philadelphia.

Mrs. George Whittock and Mrs. John Watkins spent several days last week in Philadelphia.

Miss Ethel L. Mailly was the guest of friends in Wilmington on Friday and Saturday last.

Mrs. Harry Ward has returned home, after spending a week with friends in Philadelphia.

Rev. D. J. Given has returned home, after spending part of this week at Tilghman's Island.

Mrs. Joseph M. Armstrong has returned home, after an extended visit with relatives in Baltimore.

Mrs. George W. Davis and daughter Frances spent several days last week with friends in Philadelphia.

Miss Martha Evans, Mrs. R. L. Hallett and Miss Elsa Muhlberger were visitors in Wilmington this week.

Mrs. George Rhoads has been spending sometime in Wilmington as the guest of her sister, Mrs. G. Carson Boyd.

The public school of this town will give a Christmas entertainment on Friday afternoon, beginning at 1.45 o'clock.

The friends of Master Earl Massey gave him a birthday surprise party on Friday night of last week, and a royal good time was had by all present.

Rev. J. A. Arters, of Middletown, will preach in Drawyers Presbyterian Church to-morrow (Sunday) morning, service beginning at 10.30 o'clock. Everyone is invited to be present.

Calvin P. Stidham of this town, and Miss Edna VanHeckle of Delaware City, were married in Wilmington on Tuesday evening of this week and left there for Washington, D. C., and returned Friday evening to the home of his mother here, where there was a reception held.

ST. GEORGES

Miss Florence Cox was the guest of Miss Edna Lilly at Newark from Friday until Sunday.

William Aspril was in Wilmington on Wednesday.

Mrs. Peterson and three children are the guest of J. W. Carrow and wife this week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Moore and two children spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Cannon.

Mrs. William Cullen and son Howard spent Thursday in Wilmington.

The Y. W. C. T. U. well hold its next busines meeting at the home of Miss Lucie Hill on Monday the 23rd.

Mrs. Fredus Van Hekle was in Wilmington on Wednesday.

Mrs. A. J. Davidson spent Tuesday in Wilmington.

Mrs. Oscar Van Hekle and son Harvey spent part of this week in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs John Stuckert spent Wednesday in Wilmington.

Edward Gam and wife were Wilmington visitors on Monday.

Herbert Heisel, wife and son Joseph, of Hope, N. J., are the guests of his mother, Mrs. Martha Heisel.

Mrs. Mary Thompson, of Philadelphia, spent part of this week with Mr. and Mrs. George Hill and family.

Miss Marion Hill, of Kirkwood, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hill.

Mrs. Walter Smith and daughter Lillian spent two days this week in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. William Aspril and son William spent last week with John Crompton and family.

James H. S. Gam was in Wilmington on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Janvier spent Friday in Wilmington.

Mrs. John Gam and children spent two days in New Castle last week.

Dr. Maier and Mr. Reed, of Philadelphia, spent part of this week with John Gam and family.

DEATH OF BISHOP COLEMAN

Beloved Bishop of the Diocese of Delaware Ends a Busy Life

After an illness of less than a week at no time thought serious, Right Rev. Leighton Coleman, aged 70 years, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Delaware, was found dead in his bed Saturday morning, by his son, Alexis I. duPont Coleman, at Bishopstead, the Episcopal residence in Wilmington. Death was due to heart and kidney trouble, following the effects of overwork. The last official visitation and sermon of the deceased prelate was at Trinity Church, Clayton, where he spent the Sunday previous. He preached a sermon in the morning and was to have confirmed a class that evening, but feeling indisposed he felt obliged to leave on the evening train for his home in Wilmington. It was apparent then that the Bishop was not in his usual vigor but none realized that the end was so soon.

The remains of the dead Bishop laid in state in the Bishopstead all day Monday and throngs passed the bier to get a last look at him kindly in his expression in death as he was in life.

RESOLUTIONS

At a meeting of the Vestry of St. Anne's Church, Middletown, held on Monday evening, December 16th, 1907, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, a sorrowful calamity has fallen upon this community by the sad and sudden death of the Rt. Rev. Leighton Coleman, Bishop of this Diocese.

Resolved, that we, the Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Anne's Church bearing in mind the high character and zealous Christian activities of our deceased Bishop, desire by this resolution to express our sense of the same.

We recall with affection the great interest he always displayed toward our ancient church and parish, and the cordial relations existing between him and our congregation, and feel that his loss will be most sensibly felt in our parish and by the community at large.

Resolved, that copy of this resolution be sent to the family of our deceased Bishop, be printed in the Middletown papers and be spread upon the minutes of the Vestry.

M. N. WILLITS, Secretary.

CECILTON

Irvin Burke is visiting relatives in Philadelphia.

Mr. John Anderson spent a few days of last week in Wilmington.

Mr. Phillip Vandegriff, of Millville, N. J., is visiting Miss Mattie Vandegriff.

Mr. J. D. Beltz moved into the house recently occupied by Mr. Frank Biggs, Sr.

Mrs. B. F. Ross, of near Earlevil e, was the guest of her sister here on Wednesday.

Mr. Eddie Pierce, of Philadelphia, spent Monday and Tuesday with Charles Bennett, near town.

Miss Eddie Ferguson is spending sometime with her sister, Mrs. Byron Bouchelle, in Chesapeake City.

Mr. J. R. Smith, wife and children, of Wilmington, spent from Saturday until Tuesday with their parents here.

The ladies of the cemetery committee are planning to hold a Shadow Social in Mechanics' Hall Thursday evening, December 26th, to which the public is invited. The ladies are requested to bring lunch for two, the gentlemen are requested to bring their pocketbooks and buy the lunch box, bidding on the shadow of the ladies with her box. Coffee and cocoa will be served with lunch. A rose contest will be one of the features of the evening. Ice cream will be for sale.

A surprise party was given in honor of Miss Mary Blackway at her home on Tuesday evening. Quite an enjoyable evening was spent by all. Among those present were: Misses Martha and Beulah Bailey, Grace and Reba Burris, Janie Smith, Sarah Bolton, Regina Price, Marian Griffith, Marion Cannon, Lillie Short, Georgia Walmsley, Elma Taylor, Leona Yates, Elsie Eisenhart, Mable Coppage, Mary Blackway and Olive Millikan, Messrs. Dallas Manlove, Julian Smith, Clifton Burke, Ashley Taylor, Millard Taylor, Harold Padley, William Brown, Galen McCoy, Homer Manlove, Edgar Bishop, John Rasin, Richard Tarbutton, Harry Robinson, Morgan Robinson, Julian Robinson.

TOWNSEND

Fresh oysters every day at H. GILL'S.

Rev. Alfred Scott visited D. B. Maloney on Sunday.

Miss Ethelwyn Maloney spent Thursday in Philadelphia.

Buy your Christmas candies, fruits, nuts, etc., at H. GILL'S.

Mr. Elmer Webb, of Wilmington, visited his mother on Monday.

Mrs. Walter Lee, of near Smyrna, spent Tuesday with her parents near here.

Candies—Largest variety, best quality and lowest prices. H. GILL.

Mr. James Garten and sister are entertaining their niece, Miss Annie Garten.

Lloyd Knotts is entertaining his cousin, Floyd Turner, of Harrington, this week.

Mrs. Byard Schwadka has returned from Wilmington, after visiting her sister there.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Jones, of Bridgeville, visited D. B. Jones and wife over Sunday.

Mr. William Beck, of near Delaware City, visited Edward Hart on Monday and Tuesday.

Presiding Elder Koons delivered a very stirring sermon, in the M. E. Church last Sunday evening.

Mrs. W. N. Watts and daughter, Mrs. D. B. Jones visited relatives in Middletown on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Watts, Mrs. M. B. Donovan and Mrs. George VanDyke spent Friday last with John Carpenter and wife.

The stores and all places of business have donned the costume of festive Christmas, making them look very pretty and attractive.

Mr. Thomas Bratten, an aged citizen of this town, was suddenly strickened with paralysis on Sunday night. The doctors see little improvement at this time.

WARWICK

A merry Xmas and a happy New Year to all.

Mr. R. B. Merritt was in Elkton this week.

John M. Price was in Chestertown on Monday.

Mrs. John L. Lattomus is sojourning in Wilmington.

Mrs. E. G. Lynch, of Elkton, is visiting Mrs. Amos Wilson.

Mrs. Urie P. Ginn, of near Odessa, Del., spent Sunday with relatives here.

Mrs. John L. Lattomus is spending this week in Wilmington and Washington.

Messrs. John H. M. Garner and Joseph Sullivan were in Wilmington on Monday.

Washington Camp, No. 8, P. O. S. of A., meets next Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock.

Miss Beulah Cullom is now able to be out, after being confined to her home for two weeks.

Everyone is now preparing for a joyful Christmas, judging from the number of shoppers in and around town.

Christmas music and a special sermon at the M. P. Church to-morrow morning, to which the pastor Rev. C. M. Cullom cordially invites the public.

A white man under the influence of liquor stopped at the home of Mrs. H. L. Simmons Tuesday afternoon frightening the entire household, as there were no men present. The man was a stranger and at this writing is still on the streets.

PUBLIC SALES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23d, 1907.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by M. A. Roberts, on the road leading from Townsend to Dexter's Corner. W. Harmon Reynolds, Auctioneer.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16th, 1908.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by D. W. Corbit, on the Walter Money farm, on the road leading from Odessa to Stump Corner. W. Harmon Reynolds, Auctioneer.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22d, 1908.—Public sale of stock, farm implements, &c., by L. Frank Ellison, on "Maple Valley Stock Farm," one mile from Kirkwood. Geo. E. Davis, auctioneer.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29th, 1908.—Sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by William H. Money, on the Bingham farm, near Thomas' Corner. W. Harmon Reynolds, Auctioneer.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12th, 1908.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by Clara A. Shockley, on the Alexander Maxwell farm, one mile north of Middletown. W. Harmon Reynolds, Auctioneer.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20th, 1908.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by H. L. Neff, on the John Drummond farm in Middle Neck. W. Harmon Reynolds, Auctioneer.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3d, 1908.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by W. H. Money, on the Samuel Townsend farm, at Townsend. W. Harmon Reynolds, Auctioneer.

Dr. H. M. Carey
Physician and Surgeon
ST. GEORGES, - DELAWARE
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NOTICE---ELECTION!

THE PEOPLES' NATIONAL BANK OF MIDDLETOWN,
Middletown, Del., Dec. 11th, 1907.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION for Ten Directors to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the Banking House on SATURDAY, January 11th, 1908, between the hours of 10 o'clock, A. M., and 12 o'clock, noon.
G D. KELLEY, Cashier.

NOTICE---ELECTION!

CITIZENS' NATIONAL BANK OF MIDDLETOWN,
Middletown, Del., Dec. 13th, 1907.
THE ANNUAL MEETING of the stockholders for the election of Nine Directors to serve this Bank for the ensuing year will be held in the Banking House on TUESDAY, Jannary 14th, 1908, between the hours of 10 o'clock, A. M., and 12 o'clock, noon.
JOHN S. CROUCH, Cashier.

NOTICE---ELECTION!

NEW CASTLE COUNTY NATIONAL BANK, OF ODESSA, Dec., 7th, 1907.
The Stockholders Meeting for the election of NINE (9) DIRECTORS to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the Banking House on Wednesday, January 1st, 1908, between the hours of 11 o'clock A. M., and 1 P. M.
JOSEPH L. GIBSON, Cashier.

WIDOWS!

All Soldiers' Widows who are getting less than Twelve Dollars per Month Pension will please write to me at once, giving their full name and post office address.
GEORGE W. BENNUM,
Commander Col. C. R. Layton Post, No. 18, Department of Delaware, G. A. R.
Georgetown, Delaware.

Farmer Wanted!

For an up-to-date Fruit Farm, situated one-half mile south of Smyrna, Del. Farm well stocked, has 18 acres in Grapes, 3,500 peach trees, 1,000 Keifer pear trees, and will have 20 acres in Tomatoes. Canning factory right on the place. Can be either carried on at very good wages or rented on thirds. Apply to
CUMMINS E. SPEAKMAN,
Smyrna, Del.

PUBLIC SALE!
—AT—
Klair & Hollingsworth BAZAAR!
Every Saturday beginning
January 4th, 1908
At 1 o'clock, P. M.,
Horses, Wagons, Harness, Blankets and Robes. Will have 50 to 75 horses for each sale.
Horses at private sale at all times. Any one having horses or any kind of goods to sell bring them to these sales and turn them into cash.
KLAIR & HOLLINGSWORTH,
303 West Eighth Street,
Wilmington, Delaware.

PUBLIC SALE!

The undersigned will sell at Public Sale, on the road leading from Townsend to Dexter's Corner, three miles from TOWNSEND, Delaware,
Monday, Dec. 23, 1907
At 10 o'clock, A. M.,
The following described Property, to-wit:
4 HEAD OF
Good Horses
No. 1—Dexter, 7 years old, good family horse and driver, will work anywhere.
No. 2—Ben, roan horse, 7 years old, good driver or work horse.
No. 3—Charlie, good driver or work horse. All of these horses are sound.
No. 4—Mosco, black horse, 12 years old, good farm horse and sound.
3 HEAD OF
Milch Cows
One two-year-old Heifer.
Farming Implements, Etc.
One self-binder, 1 drill and 1 mower, both new; 1 harrow, 1 roller, 2 sulky cultivators, 2 hand cultivators, 1 corn planter, 1 wagon, 1 tomato rigging, 1 carriage, 1 dearborn, 1 set carriage harness, 2 sets wagon harness, 4 sets plow harness, 1 corn sheller, 1 air-tight wood stove, 1 coal stove, 1 kitchen stove, corn knives, shovels, hoes, rakes and other things useful to a farmer. Some household goods and dishes. All of the above articles are nearly new.
A lot of good Hay.
TERMS OF SALE.
On all sums of Twenty ($20) Dollars and under, the cash will be required; on all sums over that amount a credit of Nine Months will be given, by the purchaser giving a bankable note with approved endorser, interest added from day of sale. Five per cent. off for Cash. No goods to be removed until the above conditions are complied with.
M. A. ROBERTS.
W. HARMON REYNOLDS, Auctioneer.

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Oysters—Fried, Stewed, panned or raw. Also in any quantity for family use.
ICE CREAM—ALL FLAVORS.
Foreign and Domestic Fruits.
Candies of the first quality as well as the cheaper kinds.
A Large Quantity of NUTS.
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Men's High-Grade CLOTHING
Best well-known makes. In fact no better Ready-made Clothing. They had to have the Cash!
Here's a Chance to buy Up-to-Date Clothing at a big saving. All Sizes. Plenty Patterns.
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$22.50 Suits are now - - $17.50
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$16.00 Suits are now - - $11.75
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Free with Boys' Knee Pants Suits
The Celebrated "Yankee" Watch, fully guaranteed, given FREE with Boys' Knee Pants Suits until January 1st, purchases amounting to $5.00 or more in one or more Suits.
Gloves.
600 pairs Men's Heavy Canvas Gloves, never sold less than 10c., now for this lot, 5c. a pair.
100 pairs of Boys' Long Gauntlet Gloves, heavy, fleece lined, never sold less than 50c., for this lot 21c. a pair.
J. B. MESSICK,
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COME AND SEE OUR LINE OF
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We have the best and cheapest Holiday goods in Middletown.
Toys of all sorts and all prices. Dishes for girls from 10c up to $1.00. Dolls with bisque or kid bodies, 10c to $1.00. Mechanical toys from 10c to 50c. We also have guns, stoves, wagons, doll carriages, sad irons and everything that will please a child.
LADIES' and MISSES' HANDKERCHIEFS—If you intend to send your friends handkerchiefs for an Xmas gift, you should see our line. We have them at all prices from 5c to $1.00. They are put up in neat and attractive handkerchief boxes. We also sell the boxes separate at 5c.
We have also a complete line of vases of glass and china from 10c to 50c. Ebony, silver mounted and gold plated toilet sets from 75c to $3.00.
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MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE

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BULLETIN.
THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS ON THE RAILS

At no other period of the year does home-hunger grip the human heart with such an eager yearning as at Christmas time. The lasting memories of the old homestead, the tender welcome of the older and the merry greetings of the younger dear ones, the happy reunion about the festal board, the pungent odor of the cedar, the witchery of the holly, the lurking sentiment of the mistletoe, all combine to make a lure well nigh irresistible.

It is the season of reunions and foregatherings, of meeting and parting.

The zest of travel is rife, for apart from the home-goings and social exchanges it is a holiday time for many and there are pleasant excursions to be made, where sightseeing has an added relish from the prevalent gaiety and good cheer.

The Pennsylvania Railroad is always popular at holiday times. Its system is so far-reaching, and at the same time so closely interwoven with the needs of the traveler; its trains are so numerous and so well equipped for the accomodation of every class of travel, and its ticketing arrangements so satisfying that it might be termed the Santa Claus route.

Its Limited trains carrying the highest grade of travelers completely appointed in every detail, offer exceptional advantages to the children going home from school for the Christmas vacation. The boys naturally gravitate to such trains, the girls will find every comfort and safeguard, as well as a maid at their command.

No matter whither bound it is wise to consult a Pennsylvania Railroad Ticket Agent as to trains and rates. He can start you right: the rest will be easy.

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Men's Suits, $5 to $35.
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Overcoats, $5 to $15.
Raincoats, $5 to $15.
Little Boys' Suits, $1.50 to $10
Reefers, $3 to $10.
Overcoats, $3 to $15.
House Coats, $3.50 to $15.
Bath Robes, $3 to $15.
Umbrellas, $1 to $7.
Gloves. 25c to $10.
Suit Cases, $3.50 to $15.
Bags, $3.50 to $20.
Silk Opera and Soft Hats, Rubber Boots and Arctics, Storm Boots and Slippers. Everything that Men and Boys wears, with special styles for Holiday gifts. Watches given with Little Boys' goods until Christmas, with $5 and $10 sales.
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DEALER IN FINE
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We have a large variety of can goods. Also are carrying a full line of Florida and Jamaica Oranges, Grape Fruit, Tangerean, Malaga, Emporer and Concord Grapes.
Nuts and Candies are now coming in every day.
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Phone 60.

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It is the duty of parents to ascertain if the sight of their children is perfect or defective.
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Middletown, Delaware, March 5th, 1906
Having rented the business stand of the late John W. Jolls, in connection with the Grain business, I am now prepared to furnish my customers and the public with the best grades of Coal, Wood, Lime, Feed, &c. I respectfully solicit a continuance of your patronage at the stand of the late John W. Jolls, Railroad Ave.
S. B. FOARD.

SINGLETON'S CHRISTMAS PRIZE

BY A. B. BAILEY

Dejected, but determined, Lee Singleton boarded the train bound for the West. He was leaving Philadelphia to return only when he could again call himself rich. The young man had only two years before been left a fortune of half a million dollars by his father, and within the past two months all had been swept away, except $10,000. The stock market smash was to blame. Singleton as a broker went down with hundreds of even careful financiers who had risked their money in railroads.

But it was not the loss of his fortune that made Singleton a dejected man. His engagement with the beautiful Edna White had been broken off. It was Singleton who broke it off, after Henry White, the many times millionaire financier, had told him that a man who could not keep his own fortune could not be expected to care for that of a wife. The parent said he would have to show fitness in a financial way before he could have his daughter. The hearts of Lee and Edna were broken with the engagement, but it was a true sweetheart that spoke when Edna said to her lover:

I will wait until you make millions yourself.

Edna's father exacted a promise from Lee that he would not meet his daughter without his permission for three years at least. Should Singleton prosper, the question of marriage was to be taken up at the end of that period. Lee decided that he could not stay in Philadelphia and not see the one he adored, so he departed for St. Paul. Immediately upon reaching the Northwestern city he deposited in the Northwestern National Bank a Philadelphia draft for $10,000, his entire capital. He was now ready to face the world anew with plans which he and Dr. George Fairfax, Edna's uncle, had talked over before Singleton left Philadelphia. The doctor had promised to keep him posted about Edna by supplements to the letters which her father had given her permission to write once every month.

Existence dragged along two anxious years, and Singleton, still a broker had prospered little. He received letters from Edna at the stipulated intervals, and all were filled with encouragement for him. About this time an apparent trifle was about to turn the scales in his favor, although he did not know it. Upon the advice of one of his New York correspondents he had invested in the stock of the Great Western Bonanza City Passenger Railway Company of Chicago. The company was not paying any dividends and could with difficulty meet the interest on its bonds. Singleton had doubts about the wisdom of the transaction, but a slight circumstance persuaded him to hold the stock for the present, at least. In a letter from Fairfax which arrived a few weeks after Singleton had come into possession of the Bonanza stock were these sentences:

Edna is to visit Mrs. Potter Playfield in Chicago next week. I need not tell you, after my last shapsody and especially since her letter to you last month, that she remains constancy itself. She does not dispair, so don't you. She and I and her mother are co-conspirators in your interest. I think White himself would be glad to hear of you doing something. He appears to know that some Chicago Great Western City passenger stock has fallen into your hands, and he said to me, and between us I think that he expected to have the suggestion passed over to you, that sooner or later someone would take up that system and make a good thing of it.

There were two magnets that drew Singleton toward Chicago—Edna and the railway stock. He knew that a meeting with Edna was only possible by the merest accident, but it would be happiness to know that he was under the same patch of sky with her. The railway was now more in his dreams than ever. He went over the road and studied its physical condition, and the probability of increment in its future, and he looked at every woman on the cars, hoping that one might be Edna. He became convinced that the road was to make him his fortune. The bulk of the capital stock of $2,500,000 was held by three men and its bonds by a bank in which they were the largest stockholders. The par of the stock was $50, but it was quoted at $8 on the Exchange. A significant fact he learned was that the operating expenses of the road exceeded 71 per cent. of the gross earnings. Less expensive motive power was foreshadowed.

Singleton sat down to work the problem out. He held 8000 shares of the stock, which had cost him $63,000, and upon which he had borrowed $25,000. This money he had invested in the C. C. and I. C. R. R. Company. He had other securities worth about $35,000, which he could quickly turn into cash. He found that 40,000 shares of the Bonanza stock were in the market, and he felt confident that if he could obtain an option on this, with the information in his possession, there would be no difficulty in obtaining in Philadelphia and New York the capital to control the road. With this accomplished he would be in a position to manipulate other combinations, which would make him a millionaire several times over. Edna as a wife was not so far off, after all.

It turned out just as he had expected, except in one particular. A St. Louis syndicate already held an option on the 40,000 shares coveted by Singleton, but the syndicate's option would expire on December 24th, just two weeks from the day upon which he made his offer. This was discouraging, but not final, as the St. Louis people had evinced a disposition to withdraw. The syndicate's option was to be executed at the Success National Bank in Philadelphia. Singleton determined to take the remaining chances, and upon the deposit of $45,000 he obtained a conditional option on the stock at $10.50, to be operative at 4 o'clock on the afternoon of December 24th, the day before Christmas. Fate was to decide whether Singleton's Christmas should be glad or sad.

The young broker, had he not been in love, would have insured his prompt presence in Philadelphia, and left immediately for that city upon the completion of the arrangement about the option, on December 17th, but instead he remained in Chicago in the hope of catching a glimpse of Edna, whom he had not seen for over two years, if he could look upon her without violating his pledge to her father. All this time Edna was a guest of Mrs. Playfield, who was in hopes of making a match between the White heiress and Viscount Poulet, of Buckingshire, England, an attache of the English Embassy at Washington, who was visiting Chicago. Needless to state that Edna would have none of the foreigner.

Uncle Fairfax did not fail to acquaint Edna with the fact of Lee's expected presence in Philadelphia the day before Christmas and he told her about the Bonanza railway option. Immediately she announced to Mrs. Playfield that she must return home, that her mother was sick. This was a white lie, but Edna, who also hoped to get a glimpse of Lee in a few days, thought the fib necessary. Uncle Fairfax's letter contained the following:

I think I have given you a faithful outline of Lee's plans, and you may guess what is to be his prize if he should succeed in his efforts. I expect him here every day, and it is imperative that he should present the option at the bank promptly at 3 o'clock on the 24th. If he finds the other people out of the way the future is assured, as we have ample capital to carry out the scheme. I hope he has had it properly drawn and that he will not be too late.

In less than four hours Edna was on her way to Philadelphia. Singleton who had put off his departure until December 22, had received disquieting information from St. Louis, in a telegram from a business correspondent. The Bonanza syndicate people there had just been informed of Singleton's offer for the stock, and arranged to dispatch an agent to Philadelphia to close the option held by them. The agent would take the Atlantic Express East the next morning. The first through express train from Chicago to Philadelphia was the Day Express, which would leave at 3 o'clock in the afternoon over the Pennsylvania road, and which he had determined to take. A comparison of train schedules showed that the St. Louis agent, leaving St. Louis the next morning, would reach Philadelphia at 2 30 P. M. on December 24, or a half hour before the time for executing the option. Singleton's train was due to arrive in Philadelphia at 3 o'clock on the afternoon of December 23.

The chance was a desperate one, the event depending largely on the luck of the St. Louis train but remembering the familiar phrase, faint heart never won fair lady. Singleton accepted the issue, and when the Day Express pulled out of the station with him aboard he felt all the sensations a gambler feels when he has staked his entire capital on the hazard of a die. Singleton had been too late to secure a section on the Pullman so he was compelled to engage the only sleeping accommodations left—a drawing room. During the evening he employed himself in carefully looking over his option contract and other papers in connection with the railway. Upon retiring he left the contract and other papers on a little table in his apartment.

The car was overheated, and after he had extinguished the light Singleton opened the car window He got into the berth, within reach of the window, which he intended to close in a few minutes. but before that time was up he was fast asleep. When he awoke in the morning, almost frozen, all the papers were gone — they had been blown out of the window by a gust of wind, the porter having left the screen out of the window, which fact Singleton had not noticed. This discovery was made while the train was tearing along at the rate of 50 miles an hour east of Pittsburg, and in an instant Lee saw all his plans fail, his bright dreams fade, and Edna further off than ever.

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